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A sophomore outside hitter has quickly emerged as a volleyball team leader.

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Art rooms still not ready

♦ *Teachers find it hard to run regular classes*

By Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

Art professor Denise Rehm-Mott is worried that she is not giving her students the kind of education they deserve.

Her classroom, located in the former Booth West building, is full of equipment that sits unused and disorganized. Some of her equipment has not even been delivered. There is no running water, no ventilation, and no doors throughout the entire building.

While most students are sailing into their second week of classes at Eastern, many art students are still waiting for the former Booth West building to reach completion before they can use art equipment.

Last Monday, the bathrooms in the building were only piles of dirt. The exhaust ventilation system had not been installed yet and wires hung from the ceiling.

Over the last week, contractors have laid a cement floor on the mounds of dirt in the bathroom, but sinks and equipment still sit unattached on the concrete floor. Faculty and students use a bathroom on the second floor of the building, but Katherine Bartel, an associate art professor, said that bathroom is unclean.

"I try to avoid using it," she said. "It's gross."

Classrooms in Booth West were expected to be ready for art classes yesterday after delays forced students to temporarily relocate for classes last week, but the building is not a far cry from its incomplete condition during that time. Some faculty have been holding class, but accomplishing little.

Rehm-Mott teaches an advanced print shop course. She said she allowed more people into her class than usual this semester because she is going on sabbatical and will not be replaced next semester.

She wanted to offer as many students as possible the opportunity to take her



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Rachel Casbarian, a freshman art education major, works on a project for her design class Tuesday afternoon at the former Booth West, the new home of most art classes. Casbarian, like many others, is unhappy with the new location.

class, but she can't even begin her regular class schedule until the building has running water and proper ventilation.

"I'm really concerned for the advanced people," she said. "They have a certain idea of what they want to do. I'm very upset because these people can't do what they want to do."

Rehm-Mott said officials told her the building would have running water and ventilation by the end of the week.

However, Rex Hilligoss, campus architect at facilities planning and man-

agement, said he did not have a date when construction would be completely finalized, but he said it may take "a little while." He said a final date was hard to say because Eastern was not in charge of the construction. Contractors for the renovations were hired by the building's landlords.

"We knew it wouldn't be totally complete when school started," he said. "We have been trying to tie up loose ends."

SEE DELAY ♦ Page 7

Mertz case denied continuance, trial date set

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

A third continuance for the capital murder case against Anthony B. Mertz, a former Eastern student, was denied by Circuit Court Judge Dale A. Cini Tuesday.

Despite the defense's contention of unreadiness, the case of the murder of Shannon McNamara will go to trial Sept. 30. McNamara was also a former Eastern student.

Paula Phillips, lead defense attorney, filed a motion for a 120-day continuance Tuesday morning, stating the defense had found "evidentiary issues," that needed to be further analyzed and developed and going to trial Sept. 30 was "physically impossible."

Phillips said the defense needed additional time to analyze evidence that they had not requested initially in May but were advised to recently by DNA analyst Jami Harman of Genetic Technologies, Inc. based in Glenco, Mo.

Furthermore, Phillips said, evidence that Harman needs more time to test was turned over to the defense in June.

However, Judge Dale A. Cini denied the motion, calling it "fatally defective."

Although Phillips stated in her motion the defense had put in diligent efforts, Cini denied the request because in the report from Harman there was no indication when the evidence was received.

Also, Cini was unclear if Phillips gave a deadline to Harman to ensure it was ready in time for trial.

The evidence, which was handed over to the defense in June, was to be returned to the state in August. However, Phillips could not provide it on the scheduled date because of her unreadiness.

Phillips also said the state handed in their certificate of readiness in an untimely manner and the defense had not yet interviewed witnesses recently disclosed by the state.

"Once again I hear from Mrs. Phillips that it's the state's fault they're not ready," said State's Attorney Steve Ferguson in court Tuesday. "They knew what the deadlines were. I don't have much else to say your honor."

Mertz, 26, was arrested for the June 12, 2001

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Internet problems still plaguing faculty, students

♦ *No definite answer to when problem will be fixed*

By John Chambers and Melissa Nielsen
STAFF WRITERS

Students and faculty have been experiencing problems getting on the internet in the past week, but help may be on the way.

Last spring, the campus was experiencing serious difficulty with the server. The internet had a slow response time and crashed often.

The university thought they fixed the problem with the addition of seven new routers, which direct transmission on the network, said Jeff Cooley, vice president of busi-

ness affairs.

However, the increase of students this year, problems within the network infrastructure and the lack of staff to oversee the server have caused slow response times and unreliability to resurface this year.

"(The network) has had just some major problems. We had to shut down some things," said John Henderson, director of computer services. "We've totally upgraded."

Cooley said the university was working on fixing some of the infrastructure problems over the

summer, but the server was not prepared to handle the increased traffic once students and faculty returned in the fall.

"Once students and faculty came back it cranked up demand and more problems popped up," he said.

The unreliability of the server has also been irritated by the lack of leadership and oversight in the Information Technology Services area.

Bill Witsman, the former associate vice president of ITS, spent the most time dealing directly with technological difficulties specifically related to the internet, routers and the server. However,

he is no longer with the university, and Cooley said his absence is felt at ITS.

The university searched for a replacement over the summer, but were unsuccessful and the search is continuing.

Over the weekend, Cooley said the university called in consultants from IBM to help fix the network. IBM helped to identify a piece of equipment that was causing 75 percent of the problems, but there are many pockets on campus with unreliable or down service.

"Spots are still having trouble and we are trying to troubleshoot those," he said.

The server problems have

proved more than just an inconvenience to faculty and students.

Some summer online classes had to rearrange schedules and make other arrangements to complete the class once the network was down.

James Tidwell, a journalism professor, taught three summer semester online classes and noticed a network problem the last day of classes in early August.

"It was like the first week of June and I noticed I couldn't access Web CT," Tidwell said.

"I just had to make some adjustments and have people send

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City ordinance takes marijuana load off of state's attorney

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

A new city ordinance passed Tuesday night will involve the city on petty marijuana cases, instead of bogging down the state's attorney's office.

At a city council meeting last night, an ordinance was passed that will allow the city to prosecute cases of possession of 2.5 grams of marijuana or less.

The ordinance states that if a person is caught with 2.5 grams of marijuana or less

the case can be handled by the city attorney and the individual will receive a \$250 fine.

"Where it's really important is for future employment," Mayor Dan Coughill said.

Previously, these cases were sent to the state's attorney's office and an individual would be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, which stays on a record forever.

However, the cases would often sit in the state's attorney's office because they were such minor offenses.

"Why take it to the state's attorney's and ruin somebody's life?" Coughill said.

The city can now charge an individual for ordinance violation, but, Coughill said, there is still the option to send the case to the state's attorney for individuals who have had multiple offenses in the past and aren't getting the message.

"The option is there and if there are multiple offenses (state's attorney's) are probably more willing to (try the case)," he said.

Coughill said he expects the new ordinance to help reduce these cases and reduce drug use in general.

"Otherwise what's the purpose of doing

it?" Coughill said. "I look at these things hopefully as a deterrent."

In other issues, the council passed an ordinance to annex five acres of land into the city for Lombardy Holdings, Inc. based in Terre Haute, Ind. The company, Coughill said, is planning to build a strip mall with their land which is located east of the storm water retention pond north of Wal-Mart.

Coughill said he did not know when construction would begin nor did he know what businesses the company planned to put in the strip mall.

Increase in class size does not mean overcrowding

By Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern officials have taken unprecedented measures to make sure that the increase of students will not mean overcrowded classrooms.

The university expected an increase in students early in the summer and devised a strategic plan to accommodate the students in the classroom,said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs. Classes may be at full capacity because of the increase, but the registration office added more class sections throughout the summer, hired faculty on annual contracts and added seats to certain classrooms to keep them from being overcrowded.

“We’ve done the very best to meet the needs of all students. I don’t want to see any students hurt by this,” Lord said.

Because freshmen constitute most of the enrollment increase, general education classes in the College of Art and Humanities and the College of Sciences have been the hardest hit.

The College of Sciences added 2,561 seats in general education courses and other classes attended by freshman, COS dean Mary Anne Hanner said. Hanner did not say how many extra sections were added because of the extra seats, but the department hired two full-time faculty members and two part-time faculty mem-



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Leslie Warren (left), a sophomore special education major and Laura Rimington, a sophomore biology major, sit in Buzzard Hall Auditorium for thier oceanography class taught by Jim Stratton, professor of geology, Tuesday evening. Due to the enrollment increase, many classes have become crowded.

bers on annual contracts to handle the added sections. Existing faculty have also taken on extra loads.

“The commitment of the faculty and department chairs to the needs of students is evident by their willingness to accommo-

date these requests for increased enrollment,” Hanner said in an e-mail.

The College of Arts and

Humanities has added 35 new sections to their original schedule and also hire annually contracted teachers.

Sections were held by the registration office in the beginning of the summer and released throughout the summer as freshman orientation groups came to register. The sections were released strategically, so students could pick from a variety of hours and days to take class.

“We had never (held sections) before. Usually its first come, first served,” Lord said.

To make sure students can still graduate on time, some have also been allowed to take classes concurrently that should be taken one after another, Lord said.

The university plans on using the same model to register students in the Fall, since the plan has proved such a success, said Hanner.

“We are looking far ahead. We’re already thinking about this group when they become sophomores,” she said.

Lord said the university was well-prepared to handle the increase because several factors made it predictable.

There were more high school graduates in Illinois this year, and students are now required to take the ACT exam, he said.

The university has also hired more recruitment officers in the Chicago area who are concentrating on more high school and community colleges.

EIU4 offers a four-year guarantee to eligible freshman

◆ *Students accepted into program monitored to ensure progress is made*

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Finish college at Eastern in eight semesters, or receive free tuition until you do graduate.

Sounds hard to believe, but that is just what Eastern is offering to full-time, incoming freshmen in a program called EIU4, as long as students meet the requirements.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said there is no limit to the number of students who may be accepted to the program and anyone can apply, but freshmen majoring in 4-plus year programs such as teacher certification, engineering cooperative or environmental biology are not eli-

gible for the program because those majors take over four years to complete by design.

Students accepted to the program work closely with EIU4 coordinator Josh Hayes to make sure they are making progress toward graduating in four years. In the program, students will receive close advising to ensure they’re getting the classes they need.

In addition, Hayes and the academic affairs office will work to make sure these students do get all the classes they need. If a class is not available, the academic affairs office will work with the respective college dean, searching for a substitute class, so students won’t miss credits towards their majors. The dean may also choose to waive the require-

ment or provide independent study.

In the event that a student does not graduate in eight semesters while meeting all of the program requirements because a class isn’t available, the university will provide a tuition waiver for credits taken after eight semesters.

A limit does not exist on the number of credits the university would provide a tuition waiver for, but Lord said the university will be working so closely with the students in this program that it would be hard for them not to graduate in four years.

The extensive requirements will also keep the students from needing extra semesters, he added.

Some of the requirements include officially declaring a

major by the end of the first semester of college, completing at least one fourth of one’s major requirements during each academic year, being prepared to take classes toward a major without needing introductory classes, taking classes when they’re offered even if the time is undesirable, meeting with Hayes once a semester and meeting with an academic adviser before registering.

Students who fail to reach these requirements will be placed under review by Hayes and may be dropped from the program. In such a case, Hayes said he would meet with the student before dropping them, discussing ways to meet the requirements during the following semester, so students may stay in the program.

This is the first year Eastern is offering such a program, and

Western Illinois University is the only other state school to offer a similar program.

Currently, the Illinois Board of Higher Education spreads around \$50,000 in grant funding to schools with programs like this, Lord said.

During the past four years, Western has received all of the funding, he added.

Eastern won’t receive funding this year because the program just started, but Lord said he expects the university will receive funding for the 2004 fiscal year.

A private donor whom Lord would not name is funding the near-\$50,000 program this year.

Lord said he hopes the program will help recruitment and reverse the decline in enrollment Eastern has seen the past few years.

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EDITORIAL

Make use of Fox Ridge Park

Think of a time when you wanted something, anything, and then, once you got it, you changed your mind and didn’t want it anymore. At some point in your life, you might have fought for something, won, but then didn’t take advantage of the victory.

Don’t let Fox Ridge State Park be one of those things.

When the Charleston and Eastern communities were threatened with the possibility of losing a cherished place for fun, entertainment and relaxation, many people rallied together to fight to keep it.

Last spring, because of budget concerns, the idea of closing Fox Ridge State Park, located south of Charleston on Route 130, surfaced.

Eastern students quickly said, “No!”

Some students wrote letters to the editor of this newspaper, encouraging their fellow students to not just sit back and watch something we enjoy be taken away from us. Many students signed petitions in support of keeping the state park open. Other students wrote to our elected officials, telling them we wanted to keep Fox Ridge open.

And we got what we wanted. Fox Ridge will remain open.

Now use it. Prove we really wanted it open and we were not simply saying we wanted it open with no intention of using it. Put the state’s money that is used to operate the park into good use.

Take a walk through the tree-covered paths. Throw a frisbee or football around some place other than the South Quad. Instead of heating up another TV dinner, get a group of friends together, and go cookout.

For those of you who have never been to the park, find a way out there to check it out. There are several walking paths, pavilions with picnic tables and grills, open green space and a playground with a slide and swings.

Make use of Fox Ridge, so no one gets any idea of closing it again.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

The Daily Eastern News will publish a special section on Sept. 11 to commemorate the events of last year. As part of the coverage we are holding an essay contest. The top six entries will run in the special section, and others will be added to The Daily Eastern News online edition. To enter the contest, readers may submit an essay on their personal experiences regarding Sept. 11, care of Shauna Gustafson at 1811 Buzzard Hall, or via e-mail at slgustafson@eiu.edu. All entries should be 300 words or less, and all entries must be entered by 4 p.m. Sept. 4.

OPINION

Enjoy these times of freedom



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We are all here at Eastern to reach a common goal – to graduate.

In my past three years here I have spent most of my time being concerned with just that, graduating and finding a job.

I was only concentrated on the big picture, what I should be doing to prepare for graduation and how I will find the job of my ambitious dreams.

However, facing a summer in the so-called “real world” made me realize that I needed to make my vision of the future much more narrow.

When I got an internship at the Decatur Herald and Review for the summer, I was overjoyed at the prospect of running around the city getting exclusive interviews with convicted murderers and uncovering corruption in city government.

The reality of my real world job was a sharp contrast to my blurred perception of what my reporter’s lifestyle would be like.

My days mostly consisted of dreading my hour-long commute and writing briefs about road closings or going to ultra-humid county fairs.

I longed for the days when I could roll into The Daily Eastern News in my pajamas and have

“The reality of my real-world job was a sharp contrast to my blurred perception of what my reporter’s lifestyle would be like.”

loud conversations with my fellow newsmen while still getting some work done.

Working at a professional newspaper was not quite the same. Not only could I not wear pajamas, but I had to wear pantyhose and I longed to be able to chat with my co-workers during our down time about what is going on in our lives.

I suppose I was expecting more excitement, less strict business.

I kept thinking to myself, “This is what the rest of my life is going to be like,” and then cringed at the prospect of getting up at 7 a.m. for the next 50 years.

Suddenly, being at Eastern did not seem like as much of a chore and being an independent journalist seemed less glamorous.

Sure, in college there are term

papers to be written and the occasional, unfortunate 8 a.m. class, but there are also those experiences that are mostly exclusive to college.

While in college, students are exposed to a wealth of opportunities that seem to get narrower once we immerse ourselves in the professional world.

At Eastern, such activities as grocery shopping at midnight, and staying up all night just to hang out with friends are commonplace.

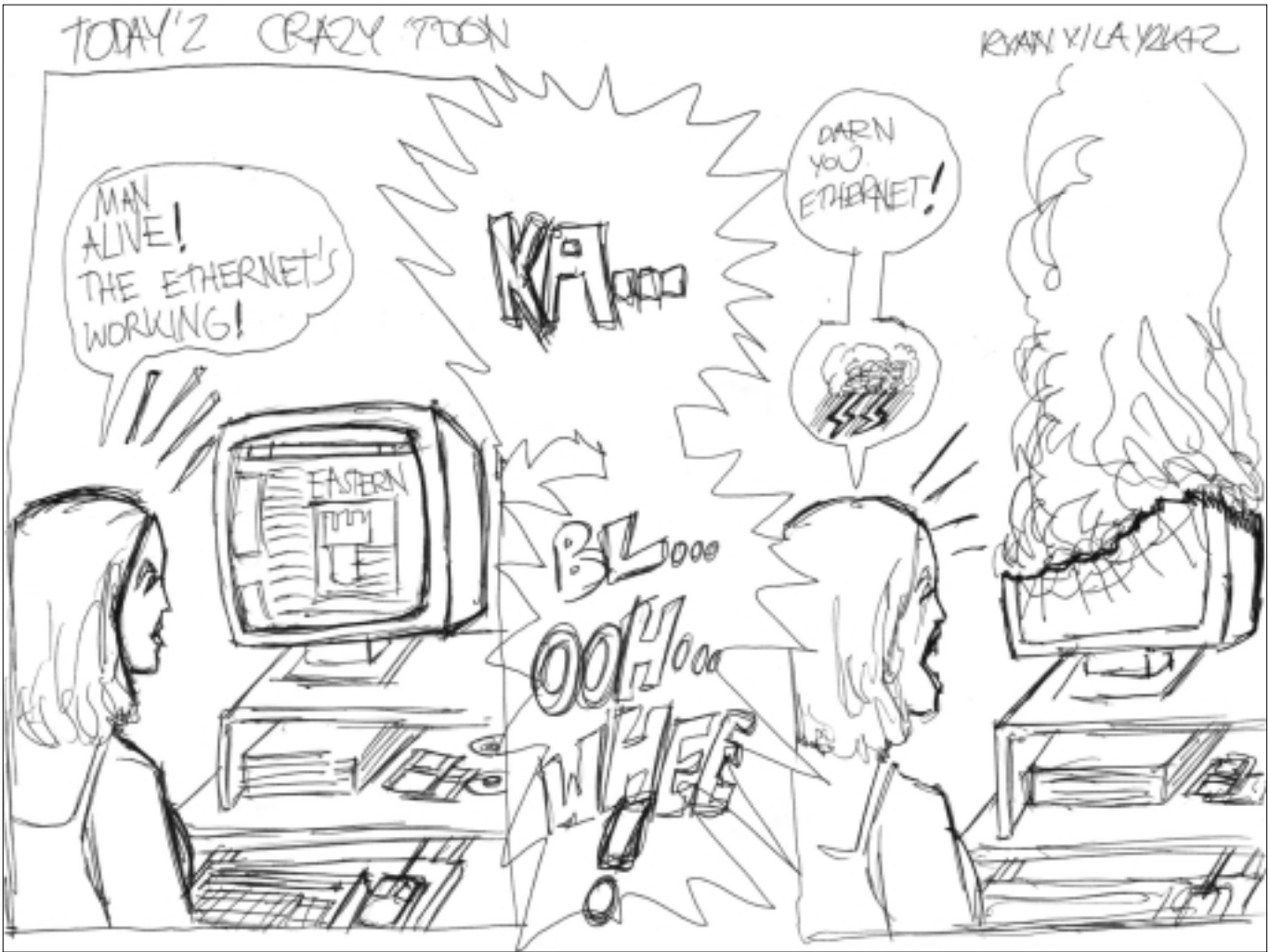
We forget how much simpler life is when you get to make our own schedule and when being carefree is not considered a luxury.

At my internship, my co-workers thought I was crazy for staying out until 3 a.m. when I had to work the next day, though for me it was just a part of my typical routine.

But that is college, sleep deprivation is a given and having fun is a priority.

With only one year remaining to my college career, I am relishing every moment of my newly-realized freedom.

Although the future still looms ahead, I can take my mind off of it long enough to appreciate the simple pleasures of college life.



GUEST EDITORIAL

Cracking down on underage drinking

Editor’s note: This editorial is being run with permission from the Western Courier at Western Illinois University. It appeared on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

The Western Courier does not condone the underage consumption of alcohol in any way.

Realistically, however, no matter how many bills the Illinois legislature decided to develop, how many bills George Ryan puts his mark on or how many info graphics grace the front page of a newspaper with statistics of alcohol related arrests, it’s apparent some minors will continue to drink, no matter what the recourse of the law mandates.

A longstanding complaint

of youths is they are picked on or singled out by law enforcement officials. All arguments for or against police profiling aside, if young people break the law, it’s still breaking the law.

When the New Year is ushered in, expect the under-21 crowd to be punished thoroughly, not only for drinking, but also possessing and purchasing alcoholic beverages.

With House Bill 5941 on the books, driver’s licenses will be suspended or revoked if minors meet the criteria. The bill is a breath of fresh air and a welcome change from the slap-on-the-wrist type of justice young violators of the over-21 rule receive.

Certainly all college stu-

dents are not saints, and have been known to take a sip of “grandpa’s old cough medicine,” from time to time. However, it looks like the excuses of youthful stupidity will not suffice in the eyes of the state of Illinois.

If you decided to drink, a sure-fire way to get caught is to be unruly. This new law could do wonders for people who don’t care if minors drink, unless they become out of control.

Self control is a key motivating factor when neigh-

bors, and other people drunk-en behavior might affect, either decide to call the police, to bust a party or to just let it go. How drunken minors carry themselves is what generally gets them into trouble.

The irresponsible characteristics of unbridled youth are exactly why the age of 21 is a good age to allow people to begin drinking legally.

Laws, whether you choose to follow them or not, will hurt you if you choose to ignore them.

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Faculty Senate addresses Booth West concerns

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's faculty is becoming concerned with the state of the former Booth West, which now houses parts of the art department, saying conditions are unfit for teaching and learning. Senate Chair Anne Zahlan, English professor, told the Senate she talked on the telephone with Jeff Boshart, art professor, who said the building had no restrooms, no computers, no ventilation, no electricity and no water.

Plus, Boshart told Zahlan, materials can't be unpacked because space is too limited. Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, told the Senate he is very concerned, but the building does have a restroom and the heating and air conditioning work, creating air movement within the building.

The ventilation does not work, however, so the department can't do certain projects because harmful chemicals would linger in the room.

Renovation of the building, which was expected to be finished in four weeks, is still ongoing after nine weeks of work, Lord said.

Eastern officials are concerned, he added, but have little control over the construction company.

According to Lord, Eastern contracts the space from a landlord, and the landlord contracts the construction company, forcing Eastern to work through the landlord when trying to communicate with the construction company.

The building should be fully usable by October, he said.

In other business, the Senate met with Edwin May, director of research and grants, to discuss federal research funds that are available for Eastern faculty.

To receive funds from any of the more than 100 sources available, interested faculty must send an application to the Council on Faculty Research, which chooses where the funding goes.

Last year, around 15 faculty research projects received \$7.8 million in external funding, May said, with the College of Educational and Professional Studies received \$2.5 million, the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences got \$2.3 million, the College of Sciences received \$1.1 million and the remaining \$1.2 million was spread out amongst several groups.

Some Senate members expressed concern that funding was not evenly distributed.

May said certain colleges send more requests because they have more tenure-track faculty who are required by the university to take part in research projects, resulting in certain colleges receiving more funding.

Also, the faculty members on CFR often have less of an understanding for certain proposed projects than they do of the projects related to their own field, leading to vote for funding to go to their college. May urged faculty to write the application so faculty who don't specialize in the same field understand the project's significance.

May told the Senate to keep applying for funds because of the nine council members; three spots are open each year. This gives faculty from all departments an opportunity to serve on the council.

May also told the Senate his major goal this year is to find more time for faculty to research projects so they don't have to do their research projects while teaching a full load of classes.

Distance no barrier

◆ *Raybin says he would welcome the opportunity to serve as the English department's faculty spokesman*

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

High praise from colleagues made English professor David Raybin this year's professor laureate, putting him in position to be the faculty spokesman on student committees.

If the committees ask him to attend, which Raybin said he has no plans to do yet, he would welcome the opportunity to speak to students.

"I like students. I love my job and I love teaching," he said. "(Professor laureate) is one the biggest honors that the university has."

Raybin, who lives in Kent, Ohio and is only on-campus Tuesdays and Wednesdays, said he is unsure of what responsibilities come with the job but will work hard to fit them into his schedule.

"It's much more of an honor than it is a job," he said.

Raybin's first speech as professor laureate came last Monday at the freshman convocation.

After receiving recommendations from faculty, the Council on Academic Affairs voted Raybin professor laureate based on the high respect given to him by his colleagues and students.

"In every way, as a teacher and mentor—and as a colleague—David Raybin simply is a teacher of achievement," Dana Ringuette, English department chair, said in support of Raybin's appointment as Eastern's professor laureate.

His 21-year commitment to Eastern resulted in his nomina-



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

English professor David Raybin has earned a wealth of praise from colleagues and also recently earned the title of professor laureate.

tion to the position.

"It is difficult to know where to begin in extolling David's accomplishments as a teacher because his commitment to undergraduate education is so deep, broad and distinctive," Ringuette added.

Raybin, who calls himself a medievalist by trade, will also represent the faculty on general and liberal education views, and will receive a \$500 stipend for the year.

"Liberal education comes most prominently into play in the teaching of undergraduates.

General education classes can complement specialized professional study by enabling students to bring to their disciplines a solid grounding in the arts and sciences," Raybin said in a press release.

"Students come to school, and they don't really know what they want to do with their lives.

The purpose of Eastern's general education require-

ments are to help these students learn about different things.

"My job is to help expose them to these new ideas, to get them excited about them. Ideally, maybe they'll want to read more books throughout their lives."

Fellow English professor Bonnie Irwin said, "His high standards bring out the best in each student. His friendly and patient demeanor encourages even the most reticent students to participate."

Colleagues were not the only ones who recommended Raybin; students were also heard.

"I have never encountered such an enthusiastic teacher in my whole life," said Erin Stapleton, a senior English major.

In addition to his teaching duties, Raybin is also an editor for the *The Chaucer Review*, a leading journal in the area of medieval studies.



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By Mallory Hausman
STAFF WRITER

Although Charleston is considered by some to be a small town, some students find it a rough walk home from uptown entertainment on the weekends.

Scott Harrison, owner of H & H shuttle service, is looking for a way to keep Eastern students safe while having a good time and also providing area bars with steady customers. Harrison, who rents out two buses for the Panther Express, has proposed a Designated Driver bus service that will run

Wednesday through Saturday nights from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. The service, he said, would be low in cost charging a dollar per ride or \$3 for unlimited rides for one night.

"This service will get people to the uptown area without driving and without having to worry about finding a designated driver," Harrison said.

To off-set the cost of the new bus and insurance, Harrison has asked the local bars to pay \$50 a month for the service. The bars will have to agree to the fee before the new service is started. Harrison doesn't think this is unreasonable because

the service should bring more business to the bars, especially those further away from campus.

Students and bar managers also have positive opinions of the proposed service.

"I think it's a very responsible idea. In my opinion, fifty dollars is nothing compared to the cost of the lives that could be lost if students tried to drive drunk," said Jimmy Wickiser, manager of Mac's Uptowner Cellar, Inc. Another Charleston bar manager, who wished to remain anonymous, said that while he thinks the bus service is a good idea, he also knows that

some bars in the area already offer free cab rides home to students. However, he said that he was in support of the proposal.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Linda Jenkins Taylor, speech communication professor. "The kids are going to go to the bars, this way it keeps them off the streets, it's really a safety issue."

Julian Lagunas, a junior Career and Technical Education major agreed, saying, "Winter is coming up and soon it will be too cold for students to walk to the bars, and with it the bars farther away will get more business."

"There isn't anything else to do around here one the weekends but go to the bars ... I really think people will use it," Lagunas said.

Mother's bar had a similar service in the past; however, their bus only ran Thursday through Saturday and went only from Marty's to Mother's, Harrison said.

"There will be a schedule for the bus, that way the students know that if they are outside at a set spot and time, they can get on the bus, just like they know the Panther Express stops at the Union at certain times ... it makes it easier for (the students)," Harrison said.

Madigan leads Birkett in AG Poll

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic State Sen. Lisa Madigan has increased her lead in the race for Illinois attorney general, but has higher unfavorable ratings than Republican DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett, according to a new poll.

The same poll indicated a comfortable lead for Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin over Republican challenger Jim Durkin, a state representative from Westchester.

Of 600 registered voters considered likely to vote, 44 percent supported Madigan and 38 percent supported Birkett. Market Shares Corp. conducted the poll for the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN-TV Aug. 22-26, and reports an error margin of 4 percentage points.

Seventeen percent were undecided and 1 percent supported someone else.

A *Chicago Tribune*/WGN poll in April found Madigan in a statistical tie with Birkett, leading 44 percent to 42 percent.

Although the new poll put Madigan further ahead, the results were mixed for the daughter of Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan.

The gap remained close even though just more than half said they had heard of Birkett, compared to 90 percent who recognized Madigan's name.

Madigan's unfavorable ratings also were higher, as 29 percent of the poll respondents said they had an unfavorable view of Madigan, while 27 percent said they viewed her favorably. Birkett's ratings were 14 percent favorable and eight percent unfavorable.

Sixty-five percent said the family relationship makes no difference in her

handling of corruption, compared to 18 percent who thought it would make her less active.

Even so, state Republicans sought to capitalize Tuesday on campaign finance reports that show Madigan accepted \$50,000 from the sons of a Cook County judge who got help from her father in the March primary.

Illinois Republican Party chairman Gary MacDougal called on Madigan to explain how the sons got the money to make the contributions.

He also read a portion of state law that says it is illegal for someone to make donations in the name of another person and said he might file a complaint with the State Board of Elections. Madigan's campaign manager, Mike Noonan, said the donations were legal and documented in campaign reports.



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Skillful skating

Mac Powell, a sophomore undeclared major, enjoys the warm Tuesday night weather as he rollerblades with some friends outside Coleman Hall.

McDonald's to reduce trans fatty acids in fries

CHICAGO (AP) — McDonald's plans to use a new cooking oil for french fries and other fried foods that it says will do less damage to your diet.

Nutritionists call the fast food giant's effort to reduce trans fatty acids a good first step but say the change doesn't make french fries a health food.

"They're still french fries, and they're still high in fat," said Kathleen Zelman, a

registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "But if people are going to eat them anyway, we can at least reduce the saturates which are artery-clogging."

The Oak Brook-based company says the new oil, which will be used to cook all of its fried foods, will halve the trans fatty acid levels in its french fries while increasing the amount of the more bene-

ficial polyunsaturated fat. Trans fatty acids increase the body's levels of bad cholesterol while simultaneously reducing its levels of good cholesterol, said Dr. Meir Stampfer, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health. "People don't have to change their habits, without doing anything they would be eating a healthier diet," he said.

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A man once portrayed as a key figure detained after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks drew the maximum eight-month sentence Tuesday for an immigration violation and was ordered deported to Syria.

Nabil al-Marabh, 35, won't face any terrorism charges, and the government has no evidence "of any involvement by the defendant in any terrorist organization," prosecutor Paul Campana said.

Last fall, the U.S. government listed al-Marabh among 200 people being sought for questioning in the terrorism. In a court filing in Toronto, Canadian authorities alleged he was "connected to the bin Laden

network."

He was arrested in suburban Chicago on Sept. 30, where he was working in a convenience store, and held in isolation in a New York prison until May without seeing a lawyer or judge until he was charged with immigration law violations.

He pleaded guilty in June to conspiring to enter the country near Niagara Falls a year earlier.

Al-Marabh got sentencing credit for the 3 1/2 months he has served since being charged and might not be sent to Syria, where the Kuwaiti native is a citizen, until as late as January, though his lawyer said she expects he will be deported later this

month.

Al-Marabh declined to speak during the sentencing by U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara.

"He has denied all of these allegations that he's a terrorist," said his attorney, Marianne Mariano. "He just wants this ordeal to be over with."

During the hunt for al-Marabh last September, federal agents raided a home in Detroit that had his name on the mailbox. He was not there, but they arrested three occupants — Karim Koubriti, 24, Ahmed Hannan, 34, and Farouk Ali-Haimoud, 22 — and found a cache of false documents.

Voters split on way Bush is handling the economy

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinoisans are divided in their views on how well President Bush is handling the U.S. economy, according to a Chicago Tribune/WGN-TC poll released Tuesday.

Of 600 registered voters likely to vote in Illinois elections this November, 46 percent disapproved of Bush's economic management and 43 percent approved. The number approving is down from 56 in the last Chicago Tribune/WGN poll, last April. Then only 32 percent disapproved.

Like his father before him after the Persian Gulf War, Bush is watching his overall job approval ratings slip despite overwhelming support for his war on terrorism. Two weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, 82 percent of surveyed Illinois voters said they supported the president's performance. In the new poll that number is down to 59 percent.

"The economy doesn't seem to be a priority to him," said Kimberly Miller, owner of a convention planning firm in the Chicago suburb of Geneva. "A lot of what he's doing, with these executives being arrested and being put in handcuffs, it's just a big show."

Gary Parker, an engineer from Peotone, said Bush is focused on war instead of domestic policy.

"If President Bush is going to produce evidence that Iraq or any other country is not going to pursue a nuclear attack against us, he needs to stop talking about war," Parker said. "Instead, he needs to focus on the economy and the people of the U.S."

Southern Methodist University political science professor Cal Jillson said the administration's early efforts to blame the Clinton administration for the struggling economy have failed.

The Tribune/WGN poll found that 55 percent of respondents said Bush is more likely to look out for the interests of large corporations than for those of ordinary citizens.

But some, like Debbie Koehler, a mother from Joliet, said Bush is doing what he can.

"I feel like President Bush has control of the situation. One man can't fix the situation," she said.

"He is trying to make opportunities for us by giving big companies tax breaks. I would vote for him again in a heartbeat."

Delay Construction may take 'a little while' to finish

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The sheer amount of equipment that needs to be moved, coupled with the fact that contractors were working on a second project unrelated to Eastern, may have contributed to the delay Hilligoss said. Contractors were hired by the landlords of the former Booth West.

Rehm-Mott said she believed administration officials underestimated the amount of equipment and work it would take to move the art department.

"I kind of figured this would happen," she said. "There is a lot of equipment that needs to be moved. These are not lecture halls."

However, Blair Lord, vice president of student affairs, said the amount of equipment did not surprise the administration. The problem is that movers have no place to move equipment when rooms are not finished.

"This has been a challenge for us," Lord said. "I don't think anyone at the university is satisfied at the moment. It is frustrating. There is not doubt about that."

Mertz Trial expected to last one week, more than 100 witnesses called

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murder of McNamara and has been held without bond since.

Originally, the trial was set for Jan. 22, 2002, but was delayed by request of more time from the defense.

The trial was then set for April 15 of the same year and was continued for the same reason.

Though the prosecution has been anxious to go to trial, Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said they want to make sure it's done right to avoid a mistrial.

"Nobody wants to do this twice," he said.

Deters said the trial is expected to last one week, with the sentencing phase lasting about two weeks.

Deters said the state expects to call over 100 witnesses throughout the entire trial.

Server Online courses may need to be rearranged because of server

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e-mails," he said. "The last day of the semester, that's when everything started falling apart. Had (the network failure) happened earlier it would have been chaos."

Network failure this semester could cause similar problems with fall semester courses since Web CT postings cannot be used without the network.

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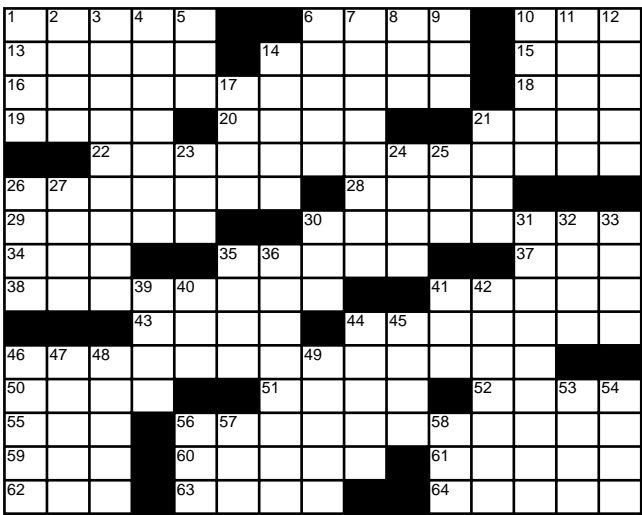
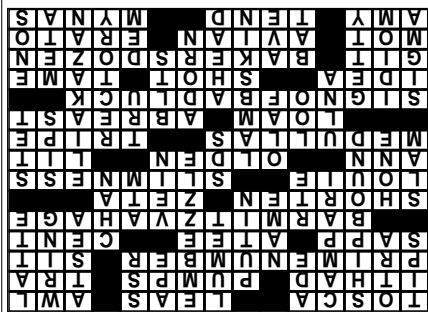
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Suspected hijacker moved to a Stockholm jail

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A Swedish man suspected of planning to hijack an airliner was moved to a prison in Stockholm on Tuesday, as his lawyer predicted a hijacking charge wouldn't hold up in a trial.

Kerim Sadok Chatty, 29, was moved from the police station in Vaesteraas, 60 miles northwest of the capital, where he had been held since Thursday, when security officers at the airport found a gun in his carry-on luggage.

Chatty, son of a Swedish mother and a Tunisian father, was moved Tuesday to Kronobergshaektet, a jail in Stockholm's police headquarters, authorities said.

A district court judge on Monday ordered Chatty detained as a prosecutor prepares preliminary charges of planning to hijack a plane and illegal possession of a weapon.

His arrest as he prepared to board a Ryanair flight to London at Vaesteraas airport has fueled fears about terrorism ahead of Sept. 11.

Chatty's lawyer, Nils Uggle, is under a gag order restricting his comments, but he said the hijack charge, which carries a sentence of life in prison, was "questionable."

"In my firm opinion, the hijack charge can never hold up in a trial. I think this will stay at illegal possession of a weapon," Uggle said Tuesday.

Uggle has strongly rejected any association with terrorism and said that Chatty — a Muslim convert — admits having the gun as he prepared to board the flight but can explain why. He said he was still considering whether to appeal Monday's decision.

Prosecutor Thomas Haeggstroem also had argued for Chatty to be held on suspicion of sabotaging an aircraft or airport, which the judge rejected at the hearing. Haeggstroem has until Sept. 16 to file formal charges but said he may seek an extension.

The national security service known as SAPO, which

has taken over the investigation, has previously said links between Chatty and terror groups were part of the inquiry.

"Right now I don't rule anything out," Haeggstroem said.

Chatty's relatives said he opposed violence and that they were confident he had no hijacking plans and the presence of the gun in his bag must be due to a misunderstanding. A brother suggested that the gun was a remnant of what he called Chatty's "old life" of criminality, when Chatty was convicted of theft and assault.

"He is a scatterbrain who loses things. He must have forgotten that he had put it in his toiletries bag," the brother told the tabloid Aftonbladet.

The brother, who was not identified, also said Chatty had called family members ahead of his planned trip and offered to buy something for them in England, where he was to attend an Islamic conference.

Russian space program tells 'N Sync singer Bye Bye

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia told 'N Sync singer and aspiring cosmonaut Lance Bass "Bye Bye Bye" Tuesday after he again failed to pay the \$20 million fee for his planned ride into space.

The Russian space agency Rosaviakosmos ordered the 23-year-old pop star to leave Russia's Star City cosmonaut training ground, where he had been since July, after missing several deadlines to pay for his October ride to the International Space Station.

"It's over," said Rosaviakosmos spokesman Sergei Gorbunov.

Russian space officials negotiated with Bass "in good faith," but "his sponsors didn't fulfill the conditions of the contract and we never received the money," Gorbunov said, adding that the trip was now an "impossibility."

Bass will be replaced on the ride by a container packed with space-station supplies weighing about the same as him.

However, Bass' publicist in New York disputed the Russian announcement, saying, "The trip is not over."

"We are still in negotiations," Jill Fritzo said. "We feel very confident that there will be a resolution soon and the trip will go on as planned."

The Los Angeles television producer behind the bid dismissed the Russian announcement as a negotiating ploy.

"The truth is that we simply need to finalize the delivery of the funds so that everyone is comfortable and he'll be back in the saddle again," said David Krieff, who plans a series about Bass' trip and is gathering sponsors.

"The reality is that we do have a little grace period."

Krieff expected Bass to be back on the crew list by week's end.

The Russians agreed to several deadline extensions because Bass' name had been forwarded to their space-station partners, who endorsed the singer last week, Gorbunov said. Also, a short amount of time remained for training, making it impossible to begin work with another candidate,

he said.

Bass' supporters blame paperwork problems for the payment delay and insisted he still hopes to make the trip.

"Lance is not stepping down by any means," said Jeff Manber, president of MirCorp, a company that helps arrange space-related adventures and is partly owned by Russia's Energia Space Corp., which built part of the International Space Station.

Manber said he met with Russian space officials Tuesday.

"It is a little dramatic to say he was kicked out," Manber said. "He will be back there (at Star City) probably tomorrow or the day after."

Bass, whose group hits include "Bye Bye Bye," was training to become the world's third space tourist after California businessman Dennis Tito and South African Internet tycoon Mark Shuttleworth. Tito and Shuttleworth did not use corporate sponsors to pay for their trips.

Bass, who attended a U.S. space camp in Florida 10 years ago, would have been the youngest person ever in space if he went on his trip.

Bass returned to Russia Sunday after spending a week at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston with the other two crew members for the Oct. 28 flight aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket — Russian cosmonaut Sergei Zaitin and Belgian astronaut Frank de Winne.

During his training in Star City, Bass participated in a zero-gravity flight, practiced basic safety and learned some Russian. He kept his composure throughout the zero-gravity flight, unlike many experienced astronauts, space officials said.

James Oberg, a Houston-based space industry expert, said Bass emerged as "as a viable candidate for some future mission."

"He impressed everyone with his sincerity and his intelligence," said Oberg, a paid consultant on a separate bid to film a television production from space.

American rides his way to new record

HASSLOCH, Germany (AP) — Windburned and weary after 104 days of gut-churning rides, American Richard Rodriguez proclaimed a new record Tuesday for continuous roller-coaster riding — his latest in a 25-year passion.

Alternately enduring temperatures of 102 and pouring rain, Rodriguez spent at least 10 hours a day — or at least 1,040 hours — on the punishing climbs and 203-foot drops of the "Expedition Ge-Force" MegaCoaster at the Holiday Park in southwestern Germany.

The new record — recognized by amusement parks and roller coaster producers but not by the Guinness Book of Records — breaks the 100-day record Rodriguez set last summer at the Six Flags Over St. Louis amusement park in Eureka, Mo.

"It was the most difficult challenge by far," Rodriguez said Tuesday, stepping out of the bright yellow cars he has ridden since May 23. "I wasn't sure I would be able to stay on — the designer of the coaster gave me only 10 days."

The 42-year-old doctoral student in psychology at Loyola University in Chicago has been setting roller-coaster riding records in the United States, England, Canada and Germany since the late 1970s.

Although his latest feat had too many breaks — five minutes every hour — to qualify for the Guinness Book, Rodriguez said he still was sending a log of his ride to its editors.

Officials at the Guinness Book's London offices could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

A team of doctors observed Rodriguez's rides, monitoring his pulse and heart rates. "It was interesting to see what the constant mechanical impact does to the human body," said Dr. Friedhelm Baisch of the European International Space Institute.

Chinese plaintiffs file appeal in germ warfare case against Japan,

BEIJING (AP) — People in Xu Wanzhi's village were puzzled when a lone Japanese plane soared overhead early in World War II — such aircraft usually flew in threes. In the days that followed, 16 people died, including Xu's parents and three siblings.

The plane was dropping grain and cotton carrying fleas infected with bubonic plague, Japan later acknowledged. Xu, then 3 years old, was left to be raised by his blind grandfather.

"It was a massive catastrophe for our family. Everyone suffered so much," said Xu, now 65.

In a historic decision last week, a Tokyo court handed 180 plaintiffs, including Xu, a partial victory, acknowledging for the first time Japan's use of biological weapons in World War II. But it rejected their demands for compensation.

The plaintiffs, all Chinese citizens, sued the Japanese government in 1997, saying they were injured or lost relatives in wartime germ attacks. They demanded an apology and

\$84,000 each in compensation.

Plaintiffs said Tuesday they had appealed to a higher court last week, but they didn't know when the case might be heard.

"Japan's own interest is in resolving this issue, in owning up to its responsibilities and compensating victims," Wang Xuan, a representative of the plaintiffs, said at a news conference.

The plaintiffs claimed at least 2,100 Chinese perished in outbreaks of cholera, dysentery, anthrax and typhoid that were allegedly mass produced by the Imperial Army's notorious Unit 731. The court heard testimony from aging witnesses flown in from China.

Historians say the unit, which was based in the northeastern Chinese city of Harbin, may have killed as many as 250,000 people in experiments. None of its members has been tried for their wartime activities.

Tokyo acknowledged the existence of the unit after

decades of denial, but hasn't disclosed any details about its activities.

Japan's courts say international law bars foreign citizens from seeking compensation directly from the Japanese government. They say such issues were settled under postwar treaties. Xu said that argument doesn't fit with the court's acknowledgment that Japan carried out germ warfare, long outlawed by international treaty.

"This ruling was illogical, unfair and irresponsible," Xu said at the news conference, held at China's memorial museum for victims of Japanese aggression in the 1930s and '40s.

Chen Zhifa, who lost his father and brother to plague, said the refusal to apologize or pay the victims was an insult.

"After all this time, all they did was to admit they did this thing," the 71-year-old Chen said, sobbing.

The court ruling Aug. 27 included 10 pages acknowledging testimony about biological warfare by Japanese military veterans and Chinese survivors.

Israel adds internal exile weapon to arsenal

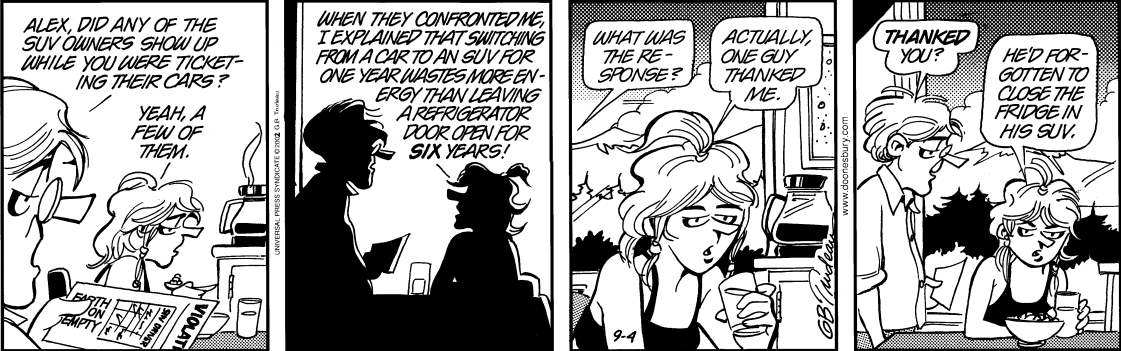
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Supreme Court gave the army a new tool in its two-year struggle against Palestinian violence Tuesday, allowing it to expel Palestinians from the West Bank to Gaza for aiding terrorist suspects.

In the first case of its kind, the court upheld the expulsion of two relatives of a terror suspect, but overturned an order against a third person, ruling that expulsion must be limited only to relatives directly involved in terror attacks.

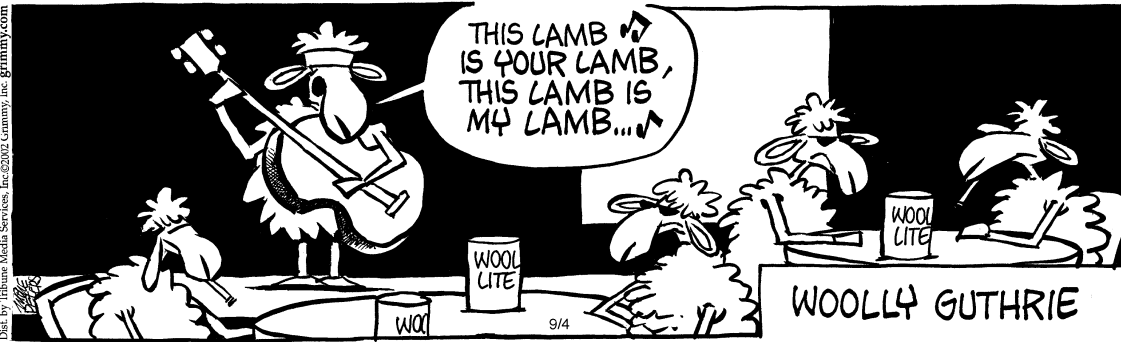
Palestinians called for foreign intervention to stop the Israeli practice, while human rights groups said it violates international law, particularly the Geneva Conventions. Israel said the two, a brother and sister of a suspected terrorist, would be taken to Palestinian Authority territory on the edge of the Gaza Strip on Wednesday. Palestinian officials said they would stay in a hotel and then move to a housing project in Gaza City.

In a separate development, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon dropped his earlier opposition to allowing the Palestinian parliament to convene in the West Bank town of Ramallah but said the ban stands for legislators he deems involved in terror. The parliament is to approve the new Palestinian Cabinet and consider reform measures.

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Panther sports in a minute...

CROSS COUNTRY
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Bone's time of 15 minutes, 9 seconds was 12 seconds ahead of second place on the course at Northern Illinois University.
The Hawkeyes edged Eastern 27-29 with help from Dan Trainor. He finished first overall in 18:42.
Jeff Jonaltis led all Panther finishers with a second-place time of 18:45.

MISCELLANEOUS
Out with the old, and in with the new and improved. That's what's happening with the weekly sports talk show "Panther Country" that airs on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
The show, which is now called "Sports Talk," will still be hosted by David Kidwell, who is Eastern's Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Info and Marketing, but now he will have a little help with coming up with things to talk about.
Sports Talk will have a call-in segment where fans can call in and talk to Eastern's head football

coach Bob Spoo and later in the year to men's basketball coach Rick Samuels.
"One of the major changes in the program will be the ability for fans to call in and make comments or ask questions to that show's guest," WEIU-TV spokesperson Rick Sailors said. "I think this is a great opportunity for us to drum up interest about Panther sports."
"We won't be taking calls live on the air, but they will be relayed to Dave (Kidwell) and he will read them on air."
Sports Talk will debut tonight on WEIU-TV at 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Knight reaches settlement

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Bob Knight will pay \$25,000 to a former assistant coach after signing an agreement in which he admitted to shoving Ron Felling in anger, Felling's attorney said Tuesday.
William Potter, Felling's attorney, said Knight agreed to the conditions Friday after coming to Indianapolis for a mediation hearing.
"I think it was clear when we walked out that we had called his bluff," Potter told The Associated Press.
"It harkens back to the playground, and when we called his bluff, he backed out."

A phone message left at the office of Knight's attorney, Russell Yates in Denver, was not immediately returned. A Texas Tech spokeswoman said neither Bob or Pat Knight were available and referred all questions about the case to Yates.
Knight also has agreed to cooperate with Felling in a lawsuit against Indiana, Potter said. The suit, citing battery by Knight, alleges that the university was negligent in supervising its former coach.
University spokesman Bill Stephan said he was unaware of the details of the settlement.

Recharged: Spoo shifts gears to focus on preparations for Kansas State

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"You see that kind of stuff all the time in books, movies and magazines, but you never really get the idea of how nice it really is until you are there and it's in your face," Williams said.
Even though the Panthers came

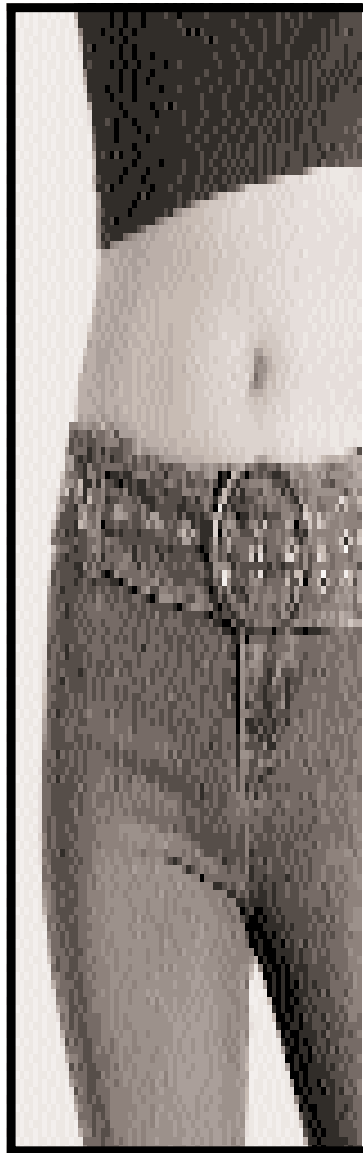
back from the trip with no serious injuries, they did come back with the sting of being dropped three spots, from four to seven, in the Sports Network I-AA polls.
Despite losing three spots in the polls, Eastern running back Andre Raymond says there are more important things to worry about.
"We can't worry about polls and where people think we should be ranked," Raymond said. "We just have go out and win games. They can rank us 102nd, but as long as we win games who cares?"
Eastern wasn't the only I-AA team that lost to a I-A team and lost

their place in the polls. Florida A&M lost to the University of Miami and dropped from 16 to 21, while fellow Ohio Valley Conference member Eastern Kentucky went from 14 to 16 after being knocked around by Oregon State 49-10.
But there were teams that played equal to lesser teams and moved up in the polls.
"I was kind of curious about that," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said. "There were teams that moved up in the polls that didn't near the competition we did, but we have to worry about what we

can control, not about three spots in the polls."
But Raymond thinks it shouldn't matter what division of team Eastern plays, they still have go out and win games.
"It doesn't matter if we play a team in I-A, or if we play I-AA team we have to win the game and if we don't we are going to drop in the polls," Raymond said. "That's just the way it goes."
Eastern will now have this upcoming weekend off before traveling to Manhattan, Kan. to take on the Wildcats from Kansas State University.

"You see that kind of stuff all the time in books, movies and magazines, but you never really get the idea of how nice (Hawaii) is."

—Roosevelt Williams



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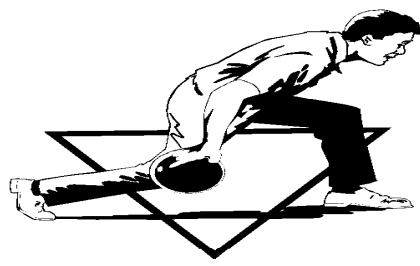
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Senior outside hitter Karen Liss is one of a few vocal leaders on the volleyball team this year. Head volleyball coach Brenda Winkeler is looking for more vocal support.

VOLLEYBALL

Winkeler wants better ‘court talk’ from players

By Nate Bloomquist
SPORTS EDITOR

Fans coming to volleyball games at Lantz Arena will hear chatter of a different sort on the court.

No more “Let’s go!” and “c’mon!” – players will leave that to the cheerleaders. But that doesn’t mean head volleyball coach Brenda Winkeler wants to quiet her team.

“We talked about this a lot last year too,” Winkeler said. “We’re getting rid of mindless chatter. We just want people to talk about the game.”

It’s a change many players have noticed and Winkeler said the play has improved.

“It can really take you out of the game when there’s constant talking,” Panther freshman middle hitter Megan Kennedy said. “So it’s really important and it’s something that (Winkeler) has talked to us about a lot.”

And Winkeler has looked for leaders to bring that communication to the level it needs to be at.

The ‘court talking’ is a lookout system, as in “lookout for that hitter” or “watch the block on the left.”

“(Senior) Jen Fisher has really become a great vocal leader for us,” Winkeler said. “We really didn’t expect

This day in Panther sports...

◆ 1994 – The men’s soccer team wins first game of the season, 3-1 over Bradley in Peoria.

that because she didn’t get hardly any playing time at all last year. Erica (Gerth) is more of a quiet leader. She leads with her actions.”

Ultimately, consistency is the main goal – which Winkeler said is a weakness now.

“When you’re young it’s common to have consistency as a problem,” she said. “We’re not efficient on offense.”

But there’s plenty of room to grow and a good foundation to add to as last weekend’s second place finish in the EIU Invitational showed.

The Panthers (2-1) will look to carry that momentum into the four-team Fiesta Bowl at Northern Arizona University. The field includes nationally-ranked Santa Clara.

“Our strengths are things that you really can’t teach,” Winkeler said. “They’ve got the ability to battle back and are always ready to make a comeback no matter how far down we were.”

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nothing to write home about, but still being able to make a game of it for at least a quarter or two is something positive to build on.

Another reason for Eastern to play a pair of I-A teams to kick off the season is playing a school will bring more

attention to the game. More attention brings television cameras to the game.

Just like this weekend when Eastern students got together with their friends to watch the game on TV only to see a test signal.

Ooops, maybe when the Panthers play KSU Eastern students will get to do that.

Top Cat:

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With two more seasons still ahead Gerth sees herself only getting better because of her commitment to the sport. She looks forward to making a

few more trips back to the NCAA tournament.

“You can do almost anything you want when you give one hundred percent,” Gerth said. “We just want to work toward getting back and to remember what happened last year.”

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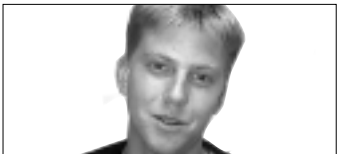
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	Women's soccer vs. E. Mich.	1 p.m.

LONG SHOT



Matt Meinheit
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Playing I-A schools early makes sense

When I sat down to lunch yesterday with another sports-writer for the DEN he asked me a question that got me thinking.

“Why would we play two I-A teams to start the season?”

After the 61-36 thumping at the hands of Hawaii’s Warriors, you have to wonder why in two weeks Eastern will be traveling to Manhattan, Kan. to take on Kansas State.

Last season Kansas State had a record of 6-6 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12 Conference.

Hawaii might have had the better record from last year, 9-3 and 5-3 in the Western Athletic Conference, but the teams they played were not even close to the caliber of the teams KSU played. Compare the teams Hawaii lost to last season – Brigham Young, UTEP and San Jose State – opposed to the teams that KSU lost to – Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Syracuse.

What kind of moment can you get out of getting romped by two bigger schools in your first two games of the season?

I’m pretty embarrassed to admit that my school lost to a team that calls themselves the Rainbow Warriors.

I know that they are from Hawaii, but school names are supposed to be intimidating. Panthers will maul you, Tornadoes will relocate your house to a location several miles down the road, what will a Rainbow Warrior do – rain on you?

The only school name worse than that is the Fisher High School Bunnies. If any of you went to Fisher you have to admit that your mascot sucks.

At least I can maintain some dignity when I say my high school lost by 25 to the Wildcats, even if it is the most generic name in school history.

So now I come back to my original question, why would we play to I-A schools to start the season?

The first thing that comes to mind is that you can’t get better unless you play better teams.

By playing two I-A teams to start the season, Eastern will be used to playing against, stronger, faster and bigger teams. After going up against these bigger schools playing school like Tennessee-Martin and Southeast Missouri State should feel like playing against a practice squad by comparison.

Another interesting fact to consider is how well Eastern played against Hawaii compared to other I-AA teams playing I-A teams.

Appalachian State – the No. 6 team in I-AA – lost 50-17 to Marshall. Eastern’s 25-point loss doesn’t seem so bad compared to ASU’s 33-point loss.

And it’s not impossible for a I-AA team to beat a I-A team.

Eastern still had a lead in the second quarter. A 13-10 lead is



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Tony Romo (left) said the football team’s trip to Hawaii was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

FOOTBALL RETURNS TO THE MAINLAND...

Refreshed and recharged

♦ *Slip in polls doesn’t bother Spoo, players*

By Anthony Braviere
STAFF WRITER

Leaving as 54 individual players and coming back as one big team seemed to be the recurring theme as Eastern’s football team returned to campus Tuesday after traveling to Hawaii over the Labor Day weekend.

Although the Panthers took one on the chin in the tropical paradise, losing 61-36, many of the players saw the trip as a chance for the players to come together as a team.

“We did a lot of things as a team this past weekend which was kind of cool,” senior free safety Roosevelt Williams said. “Guys who don’t normally hang out, hung out together on this trip, and bonded which is going to help us out down the road.”

The trip, which took about eight hours, lasted from last Thursday and ended early Tuesday. While the

middle of the trip was fine, the actual travel took its toll on everyone involved.

“The travel was the worst part of the entire trip. The flight there wasn’t too bad, but the flight home was a little piece of hell,” Williams said.

While its stay in Hawaii was deemed a business trip, Eastern’s players were given some free time to relax and have some fun.

“It was nice to get out and do some things that didn’t have to do with football,” senior quarterback Tony Romo said. “We had a luau that the whole team went to, and we were able to enjoy the weather and beaches. Think about it. How many times do you get to go some where with crystal clear water? It was great.”

The beaches and the ocean was the one thing that all of the players seemed to enjoy the most, especially those who had never experienced anything like that before.

Sports Network I-AA Poll

Rank/Team	Last week
1. Montana (1-0)	1
2. N. Iowa (1-0)	3
3. Lehigh (1-0)	6
4. Furman (0-0)	7
5. Appalachian St. (0-1)	2
6. McNeese St. (1-0)	11
7. Eastern Illinois (0-1)	4
8. Youngstown St. (1-0)	8
9. Delaware (1-0)	22
10. William & Mary (0-1)	9
11. Maine (1-0)	13
12. Georgia Southern (0-1)	5
13. Portland St. (1-0)	17
14. Sam Houston St. (0-1)	12
15. Villanova (1-0)	NR
16. Northwestern St. (1-0)	19
17. Eastern Kentucky (0-1)	14
18. Grambling St. (0-1)	10
19. Montana St. (1-0)	20
20. Hofstra (0-1)	15
21. Florida A & M (0-1)	16
22. Western Kentucky (0-1)	18
23. Hampton (1-0)	25
24. Jacksonville St. (1-0)	24
25. Harvard (0-0)	23

Others receiving votes (in order of points)
W. Illinois, N. Arizona, W. Carolina, Bethune-Cookman, Massachusetts

TOP CAT

Gerth looms large

♦ *Sophomore quickly finds leadership role on young team, earns first OVC Player of the Week award*

By Matt Williams
STAFF WRITER

Successful, level-headed, and committed – three words sophomore outside hitter Erica Gerth uses to describe herself.

All three play a vital role in her life both on the court and in the classroom and have also helped her earn Top Cat of the week.

Success has been no stranger to Gerth since she started playing volleyball in the sixth grade. Throughout her years playing club and high school volleyball at El Paso, a small town 20 miles north of Bloomington-Normal, she has accumulated a long list of achievements and awards.

A two-time first team all-area pick and a special and honorable mention all-stater, Gerth helped win two straight conference titles and a regional title in 2000 at El Paso to go along with three consecutive state titles for her club team.

The success did not stop in her first year at Eastern. Coming on to a team with high expectations, Gerth had no problem stepping up early by earning a starting role on a senior filled roster.

The Panthers eventually marched all the way to the NCAA tournament and Gerth added more awards to her trophy case as she was named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Newcomer Team.

Gerth also excels in the classroom. She brings the highest GPA to the team with a 4.0, but doesn’t always receive many compliments for it from her teammates.

“(My teammates) gave me the nickname the smartest dumb person,” Gerth said. “Sometimes I don’t think before I talk and I don’t always have the best common sense.”

So where does all this success come from?

Eastern head coach Brenda Winkeler sees Gerth’s ability to learn quickly and work hard the main reason behind her successful background.

“(Gerth) is a great player with a great work ethic,” Winkeler said. “She doesn’t get frustrated easily which is why she learns quickly

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both in the classroom and on the court.”

Gerth also credits her older sister Carrie for getting her interested in volleyball.

“My whole time growing I watched my sister play volleyball,” Gerth said. “She was a great role model for me.”

Gerth almost followed her sister to Wichita State so she could play on the same team with her for her senior season, but chose to come to Eastern so she could be closer to home.

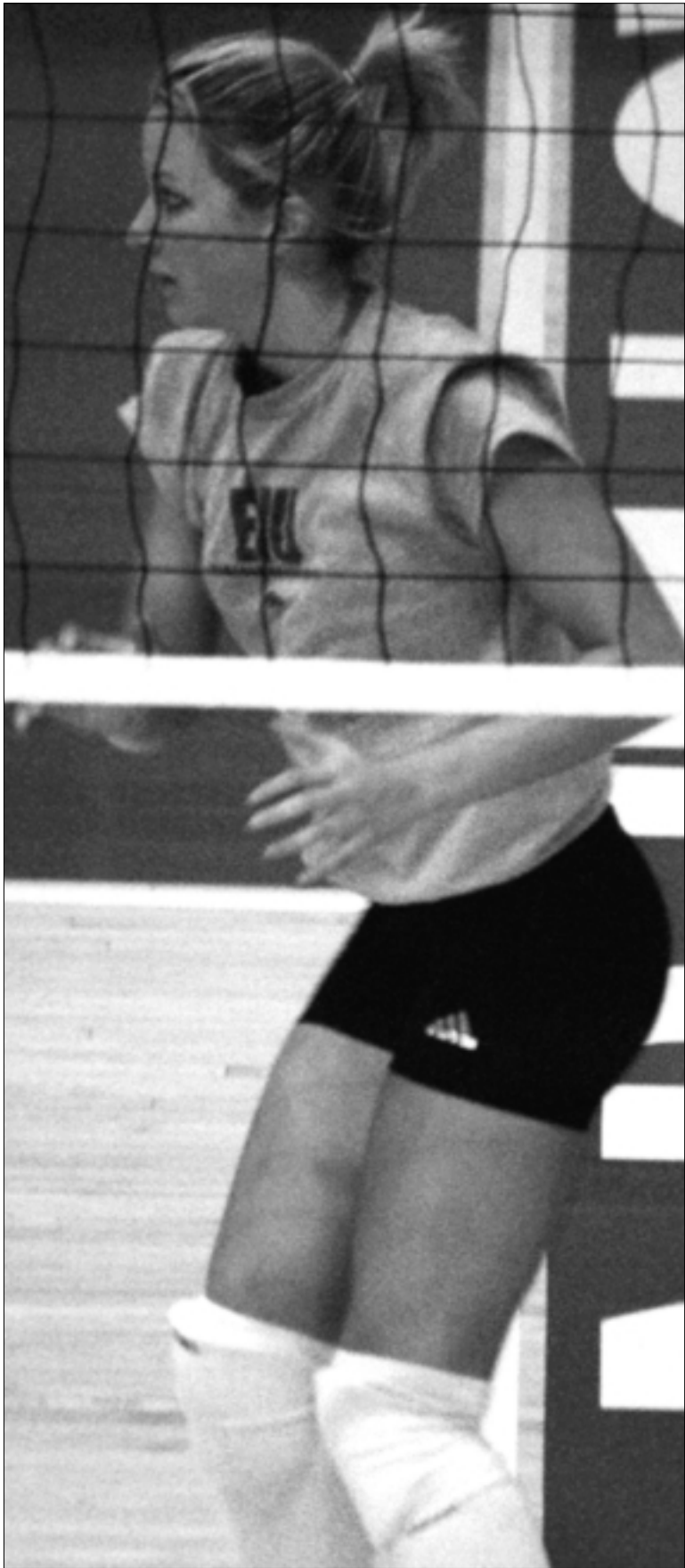
“I wanted to stay in state,” Gerth said. “Eastern had shown some interest and they were having some success while they were recruiting me.”

This season Gerth will have to take on a new role as a veteran leader after the loss of six seniors from the previous year. She has already led by example in the Pepsi/Super 8 Invitational last weekend by being named to the All-Tournament team with a team best 4.21 digs per game.

She had career match highs in both kills and digs with 25 each against DePaul. These numbers also earned her OVC Player of the Week honors for the first time in her career.

All of these honors and awards could easily make someone more cocky and confident, but Winkeler thinks that is the opposite with Gerth.

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Sophomore outside hitter Erica Gerth says she’s glad she didn’t follow in her older sister’s footsteps at Wichita State University.